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MONTHLY LIVESTOCK SLAUGHTER REPORT

This report is based on information received by the U. S. Department of Agriculture from a representative number of meat-packing establishments. It indicates the average live weight per animal, average yields of dressed carcasses, the average cost per 100 pounds of live weight for cattle, calves, hogs, and sheep and lambs slaughtered during April 1943. Comparable data are included for previous months. The report also shows the percentage of purchases at public stockyards and direct purchases from producers, the classification of animals purchased, and records of monthly slaughter under Federal inspection.

WEIGHT, YIELD, AND COST OF LIVESTOCK SLAUGHTERED

Class of Livestock	Unit	April 1942	March 1943	April 1943
<u>Average live weight of animals</u>				
Cattle	Pounds	974.00	980.06	980.08
Steers 1/	"	1,002.66	1,001.65	1,000.23
Calves	"	175.03	164.19	153.26
Hogs	"	234.90	252.72	254.04
Sheep and lambs	"	94.11	95.22	94.67
<u>Average yield</u>				
Cattle	Percent	55.73	55.17	56.05
Calves	"	57.12	56.69	57.13
Hogs	"	75.44	75.86	75.44
Sheep and lambs	"	46.35	45.64	46.54
<u>Average cost per 100 pounds</u>				
Cattle	Dollars	11.15	13.60	13.97
Steers 1/	"	12.43	14.85	15.15
Calves	"	12.53	14.43	13.79
Hogs	"	13.84	15.26	14.91
Sheep and lambs	"	11.78	15.08	14.83

NUMBER OF ANIMALS SLAUGHTERED UNDER FEDERAL INSPECTION  
April 1943 and 1942

Class of Livestock	:	Total slaughtered	:	Carcasses condemned				
	:	during April	:	during April				
	:	1943	:	1942	:	1943	:	1942
Cattle		796,310		956,290		4,363		5,093
Calves		364,877		501,833		1,855		2,467
Hogs		4,462,705		4,196,365		10,301		10,357
Sheep		1,457,866		1,569,762		3,020		3,245

1/ Steers also included in "Cattle" data.  
See next page for slaughter records.

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## SOURCES OF LIVESTOCK PURCHASES

Sources of supply	Unit	April 1942	March 1943	April 1943
<u>Cattle</u>				
Stockyards	Percent	73.88	74.84	77.37
Other	"	26.12	25.16	22.63
<u>Calves</u>				
Stockyards	"	59.15	53.04	53.43
Other	"	40.85	46.96	46.57
<u>Hogs</u>				
Stockyards	"	46.43	44.89	44.90
Other	"	53.57	55.11	55.10
<u>Sheep and lambs</u>				
Stockyards	"	64.80	58.43	66.98
Other	"	35.20	41.57	33.02

## CLASSIFICATION OF LIVESTOCK PURCHASED

<u>Cattle</u>				
Steers	Percent	57.33	54.48	57.74
Cows and heifers	"	38.66	42.38	39.37
Bulls and stags	"	4.01	3.14	2.89
<u>Hogs</u>				
Sows	"	48.58	44.77	47.07
Barrows	"	50.69	54.60	52.21
Boars and stags	"	0.73	0.63	0.72
<u>Sheep and lambs</u>				
Sheep	"	4.17	5.63	4.31
Lambs and yearlings	"	95.83	94.37	95.69

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